

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 19 (currently amended). A self-inking hand stamp with upper impact inking, which comprises
- (a) a stamp housing,
 - (b) a stamp aggregate arranged in the stamp housing, the stamp aggregate being capable of moving from an inking position on an ink pad into a stamping position,
 - (c) an actuating frame incorporating a reversing mechanism, which is mounted in form of a cap on top of the stamp housing and can be depressed relative thereto against a spring force for moving the stamp aggregate from the inking position into the stamping position, the actuating frame comprising
 - (1) two broad sides opposite each other,
 - (2) two narrow sides opposite each other, the narrow sides extending into legs resting laterally on the stamp housing, and
 - (3) a top side having a receiving recess for accommodating an information sheet, the receiving recess extending continually from the top side to at least one of the broad sides and being delimited by

edges before it reaches the narrow sides, and

- (d) a one-piece transparent cover detachably mounted over the receiving recess, the cover being curved to conform to the receiving recess, and comprising

(1) locking projections inwardly extending from the edges thereof for snapping into locking recesses in the edges of the receiving recess on the broad sides.

20 (previously presented). The self-inking hand stamp of claim 19, wherein the receiving recess is substantially U-shaped and extends from the top side to both broad sides of the actuating frame, and the transparent cover is conformingly U-shaped.

21 (canceled).

22 (currently amended). The self-inking hand stamp of claim 21 19, wherein the locking projections are strips molded on the edges of the transparent cover, and the locking recesses are conforming locking windows.

23 (currently amended). The self-inking hand stamp of claim ~~21~~ 19, wherein the locking projections also form means for holding the information sheet on an inside of the transparent cover.

24 (previously presented). The self-inking hand stamp of claim 19, wherein the receiving recess has a support shoulder at at least one of the edges for supporting an edge of the transparent cover.

25 (previously presented). The self-inking hand stamp of claim 19, wherein the receiving recess on the top side and the at least one broad side of the actuating frame is at most less curved than the curved transparent cover.

26 (previously presented). The self-inking hand stamp of claim 19, wherein the transparent cover is curved in transverse and longitudinal directions.